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**PQ ref 44837/25–** *“To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken to ensure the sustainability of trauma informed, peer led family addiction support services such as FASN in the North East; and if core funding or targeted investment will be provided to organisations like FASN that deliver a vital service that not only reduces the pressure on statutory services, but improves the lives of families affected by addiction” - Gary GannonTD*

Dear Deputy Gannon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

HSE Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West Social Inclusion and Addiction Services have advised the following:

HSE Social Inclusion Addiction Family Support Programme collaborates with commissioned services to support families and others impacted by substance misuse. Their goal is to create a coordinated care pathway for those affected by another person's drug or alcohol use.

A local strategic development group was established to assess current services, engage with service users, family support practitioners and partner agencies, identify service gaps and develop a plan for future growth. This process resulted in the creation of the Quality Standards for Family Support Services for the Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West and is aligned with relevant national strategies.

The Family Support Coordinators and leads across six Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force (LDATF) areas each service received core funding for these posts and is responsible for implementing the quality standards and improving support for affected family members and others within their respective task force regions

There is a HSE family support service (the Talbot centre) and approximately 22 services (Section 39 HSE funded agencies) providing support to family members as part of their core funding service provision. All of these services across Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West are co-ordinated and supported by a HSE Family Support Co-ordinator since 2023.

The HSE is committed to the provision of quality person-centered, safe and effective service delivery to enhance the health and wellbeing of our service users. The Quality Standards for Family Support Services encapsulates this approach.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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